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METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SIGNALING
SYSTEM 7 (SS7) USER PART MESSAGES AMONG SS7
SIGNALING POINTS (SPs) AND INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP)
NODES USING SIGNAL TRANSFER POINTS (STPs)
Our File No. 1322/8

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages);
2. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 page), in duplicate;
3. Copies of cited references (7 references); and
4. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following references. Copies of the references as well as Form PTO/SB/08A are attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

U.S. Patent No. 6,147,999 to Honda et al. discloses an ATM switch capable of routing IP packet.

International Patent Publication No. WO/0124499 to Sengodan et al. discloses IP telephony system and method of operation thereof using SS7 network.

International Patent Publication No. WO/0111825 to Scholtens et al. discloses communications using hybrid circuit-switched and packet-switched networks.

International Patent Publication No. WO/0054476 to Patterson et al. discloses system and method for protecting networks from inadvertent, fraudulent and/or malicious signaling.

International Patent Publication No. EP1054568 to Krishnamurthy discloses method and apparatus for providing a virtual SS7 link in a communications system

International Patent Publication No. EP1089575 to Dantu et al. discloses system and method for transporting IN/AIN signaling over an internet protocol (IP) network.

International Patent Publication No. EP1014735 to Reaves et al. discloses common channel signaling with a network of distributed signal transfer points.

The examiner's attention is further directed to the following commonly-assigned, co-pending U.S. patent applications. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(b)(3), each of the commonly-assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Applications is identified by inventor, application number, and filing date.

Inventor(s)	Application Number	Filing Date
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* Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(1), a copy of the identified co-pending U.S. patent application or reference is not attached hereto because a copy was provided in commonly-assigned co-pending U.S. patent application number 09/205,809, which is relied upon for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120,

Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

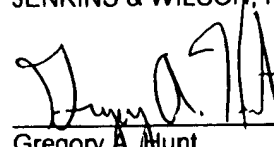
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